



Dale A. Petterson

January 2, 1941 - July 16, 2019

Dale Petterson, age 78, of Holland, MI, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on July 16. Dale was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather as well as a gifted psychologist, therapist, and healer. He was born in Northville, MI and raised in the Yuma/Mesick area of Michigan where he graduated from high school and went into the Navy with his twin brother, Darryl. Upon returning from his Naval service, Dale graduated from Michigan State University with his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, where he met his wife, Marie. They married on July 4, 1968. They both taught in California before returning to MSU for Dale to earn his Specialist degree in Psychology. He also earned a degree in Naturopathy and went on to have a stellar career as a therapist using alternative therapies that included hypnosis, Rational Emotive Therapy, EFT, Bradley Nelson's Emotion Code and Body Code and others in Flint, MI (former partner at Auburn Counseling), Denver, CO and virtually, around the world. He also practiced as a school psychologist for the Flint Community Schools and many other school districts in Michigan and Colorado. Dale is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marie; Children, Chad and Kirsten Petterson of Brentwood, TN, Ryan and Sally Petterson of Denver, CO, Darren and Tori Petterson of Grand Haven, MI, and Andrew and Joanne Petterson of Chicago, IL; Grandchildren, Hailey, Erika, Brocks, Brady, Jake, Matthew, Nathan, Annabelle and her expected sibling; Sister, Phyllis Southwick of Ormond Beach, FL, twin brother, Darryl of Cadillac, MI. Dale treasured his family and his happiest times were when he could be with

them...cheering on his sons and grandchildren at all of their many sports, musical performances, and skill building activities. He was especially proud to be the father of sons who played football at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan and being the father of a Collegiate National Football Champion (University of Michigan, 1997). Dale and Marie traveled the world extensively, visiting every continent and every state. They loved to cruise, polka dance, read, ride bikes, camp and hike. They appeared as polka dancers in the 2018 Warner Brothers movie, "The Mule" with Clint Eastwood. Additionally, you can see them dancing at many festivals and Pulaski Day events on YouTube. Dale was also an avid skier and skilled ping pong player. He was a member of the Striders Walking Group at the Evergreen Center and many professional organizations. A visitation to celebrate Dale's life will be on Sunday, July 21, from 4-7 p.m. at the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI. A funeral Mass will be at Our Lady of the Lake, 480 152nd Ave. Holland, at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 22 followed by a Naval Color Guard ceremony and luncheon. Burial will be in Yuma Memorial Park. To leave a condolence and more information, please visit www.langelandsterebergh.com. Please visit this web-site for an article which appeared in Psychology Today, written about Dale. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/resolution-not-conflict/201907/10-gifts-wisdom-extraordinary-therapist-and-healer>

Tribute Wall



“ Dale A. Petterson

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Dear Marie and Family, Sending our deepest condolences. Dale was an exceptional person and we know he had a very positive impact on two generations of Petterson's, as well as scores of other families through his dedicated professional work. Wishing you all peace and healing in the coming months of transition. Wilda Hayes & Ron Olsen"*

Wilda Hayes - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Ryan and Sally, Thank you for sharing your father's light and legacy with us in Denver. We didn't know him, but see him in you. What a beautiful person. I am sorry for your loss. Jennifer and Matt McGinn"*

Jennifer McGinn - August 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Marie, So sorry for your loss. Dale sounds like he was a wonderful, caring, loving soul who did a lot of wonderful work throughout the world. What a blessing for you and your family. Sounds like you had a very wonderful life together. What beautiful memories you will always have of your life together. Wishing you love, peace and healing. May you be comforted in your faith. Love, Natalie Bortak Wickham"*

Natalie Wickham - July 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FS

“Chad - I am very sorry for your loss of your father. The entire Shipman Family will keep you and your family in our thoughts. Ship”

Frank Shipman - July 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MS

“I'm sending my sincere sympathy to you Marie and your family in the loss of Dale. I always enjoyed seeing the two of you at the fun polka events in Muskegon! Although I didn't really get to know Dale it was easy to see he was a kind and loving man. I pray for blessings on all of you at this time of sorrow.”

Marjorie Lundell Smith - July 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ST

“Der Marie, So sorry for your loss. Dale was an exceptional, creative and brilliant psychologist. We are proud to have been associated with him through MSU. Love, Steve and Fran Yelon”

Steve - July 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KH

“Uncle Dale, I will miss you dearly and will keep memories of you in my heart forever. Since I was a little girl, you meant everything to me. Then your girlfriend came along that became Aunt Marie. I had to give you up, a little. You were always there to keep us kids (Southwick's) entertained. We always loved playing ping pong with you.
We had fun riding motorcycles together in Colorado. When you took Ken and I riding up Pikes Peak, it was a great adventure we will never forget. You are in my heart always.
For all of the Petterson family and friends, we have a great loss of a wonderful man, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. I've always been so proud to call you Uncle. Love you forever.”

Kathy Southwick Holland - July 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“Thinking of you and remembering all the fun things our families did when we were living on Springborrow. You will be missed.”

Don Jekel - July 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“I am so sorry for your loss, I have many memories of your dad in Flint, Michigan. May you and your family know that your dad was an amazing man. May he Rest In Peace. Love, Michelle Jekel”

Michelle Jekel - July 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JF

“Marie- I am so sorry for your loss. All my love- Jenn”

Jenn Farrow - July 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“We send our condolences to dear Marie and all Dales familyHe is at peace with the Lord”

Teresa and Wynn Brock - July 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JW

“I would like to extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the entire Petterson family. Sending Love and prayers from the Taggart family in this difficult time. Jennifer (Taggart) Wilson”

Jennifer Wilson - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JP

“*"The memorial tribute was a fitting description of how I will remember my Uncle Dale. Many great memories of up north and skiing. Michael to this day says it was Uncle Dale that taught him how to ski. My family shares in your loss of a great person."*

jeff petterson - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*"So very sorry for your loss"*

Jim Robbins - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AW

“*"Dale, We love you and will always remember your calming soul and amazing smile. We will miss our dinners together. See you in heaven. We love you!"*

Angelina Walker - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“*"Our deepest condolences to the Petterson family, our prayers and thoughts are with you. May you find comfort and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ and know we will continue praying for you and your family. Dwight and Brenda Johnson"*

Brenda Johnson - July 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM